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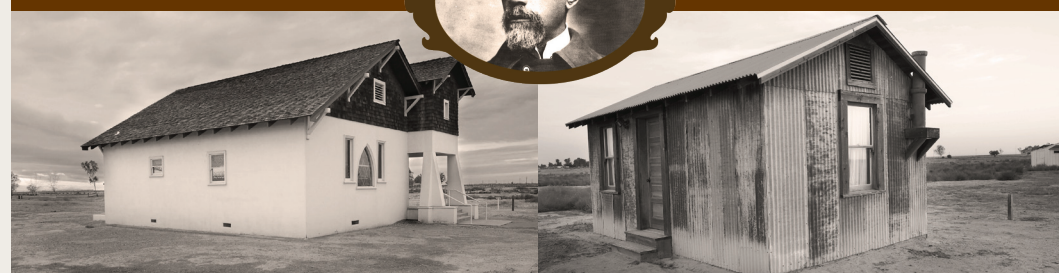
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For information on how you can become a volunteer or vendor and support the Friends of Allensworth, please call/fax 877-245-6232. Thank you for your support!

# Friends of Allensworth

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **2015**



# COLONEL ALLENSWORTH

## **STATE HISTORIC PARK**



## TRIBUTE OF HEARTS IN LINCOLN'S HONOR.

*Men Who Fought for Freedom Join  
With Citizens in Celebration of Cen-  
tenary of Father Abraham's Birth.  
Many Meetings.*

### LINCOLN MASTERPIECES.

Lieut.-Col. Allen Allensworth (re-  
tired,) for twenty years chaplain of  
the Twenty-fourth United States In-  
fantry, read Lincoln's Emancipation  
Proclamation in a voice that reached  
every part of the hall. Several times  
during the reading the eloquent sol-  
dier-chaplain was interrupted by  
bursts of applause.

prospered. It ultimately experienced a decline when America entered World War II but the town of Allensworth refused to die. The story of its rich history will be provided by volunteers of the Friends of Allensworth Interpretive Association (FOA) at the following special events in cooperation with California State Department of Parks and Recreation. Come, visit the park and take your free tours; enjoy the excellent entertainment and programming. Give yourself an outstanding day with your family and friends just as Colonel Allensworth would like you to.

### ALL SPECIAL EVENTS SPONSORED BY:

The Friends of Allensworth Interpretive Association  
California State Department of Parks and Recreation



## Allensworth 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### ALLENSWORTH BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

February 14, 2015

10:00 A.M. To 4:00 P.M.

Join the Friends of Allensworth as we continue to preserve Black History in Allensworth. Visitors will have the opportunity to interact with docents dressed in period attire and receive guided and/or self paced tours of the park's historic buildings. Story tellers will bring history alive, while our live stage provides entertainment for parents and children. Fact, Black chaplains, like Allen Allensworth functioned as teachers while serving in Buffalo Soldier units.

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park is very unique and extra special because it preserves for us now and for our future American citizen generation the historic site of the only town in the State of California completely founded, owned and developed in 1908 by an ex-slave, Colonel Allen Allensworth, and four of his friends. This African American self governed town grew rapidly and

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR COLONEL ALLEN

ALLENSWORTH - April 11, 2015

10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

The founder of the town site of Allensworth, Colonel Allen Allensworth, was born a slave in Louisville, Kentucky, on April 7, 1842. In the spring of 1854 he was sold "down river" for having attempted to learn to read and write, something Blacks were prohibited by law from doing in the South. Celebrating literacy is an essential component of the Allensworth experience every day. On this day we renew our commitment to the sacrifices of our town's most prominent founder, Colonel Allen Allensworth.

### OLD TIME JUBILEE

May 16, 2015

10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

This is the time of year when the carnival came to town! The FOA provides a great family festival atmosphere with entertainment featuring gospel, jazz and drama. There are even special activities for your children. In addition to the free self-paced tours of the historic buildings, you can talk to pioneers and their heirs. This is the best family bargain in the state because there is more for you to enjoy. You can shop at our open air arts and crafts market and eat some of the best varieties of ethnic food in the country.

### JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

June 13, 2015

10:00A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery. It was on June 19th, that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that all slaves were now free. This was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, which had become official on January 1, 1863. This day is celebrated by African Americans in honor of their ancestors who received notice of being set free from slavery on June 19, 1865. There's great entertainment, great speakers and, of course, fabulous free tours of the historic buildings, given by the Friends of Allensworth docents for your educational enrichment.

### ANNUAL REDEDICATION

October 10, 2015

10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

This special Annual Rededication is presented to renew the commitment of the citizens of California to help the Department of Parks and Recreation preserve the history of the ethnically diverse contributions made in the development of the state of California and our nation. Our children get to have an enjoyable history education day with square dancing, tour of the historic buildings including the two room school house, and games with prizes for the winners. Adults also get free tours and great entertainment in a fabulous outdoor event. There are also arts and crafts and food vendors for your enjoyment.

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